

World War II Veteran Finally Receives Well Deserved Metals

Duane Wallace Turk of Fresno, was a member of the United States Navy from 1943 until 1946, serving in the South Pacific during World War II. Unfortunately, Mr. Wallace never received the medals that he earned for his bravery in combat. To rectify the situation, he contacted Congressman Nunes in hopes that he could help him obtain the medals he did not receive 60 years ago.

In July, Gerry Rodriguez, who is also from Fresno and is interning in the Congressman's Visalia office while on summer break from Columbia University, delivered the World War II Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, an Honorable Service Lapel Pin, and a Discharge Button to Mr. Turk.

"I was honored to help Mr. Wallace get the recognition that is owed to him," said Rep. Nunes.



Duane Wallace Turk and Gerry Rodriguez posing with Mr. Turk's medals.

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This trust fund would be used to pay for numerous renewable, alternative, and advanced energy programs. At \$40 billion over 30 years, this trust fund would be the largest investment in renewable, alternative, and advanced energy in our nation's history – **all at no cost to the taxpayer.**

"What is needed is a comprehensive strategy that will reduce dependence on foreign sources of oil while bridging the gap to the next generation of energy. Congress has a responsibility to deal with our nation's energy demands in a bi-partisan manner that benefits all Americans," said Rep. Nunes.

Within the first two years of enactment of H.R. 5890, numerous renewable and alternative energy programs would receive billions of dollars in much needed invest-

ment. This would include an infusion of investment into the next generation of ethanol (cellulosic), a deployment of Coal-to-Liquid technology, an expansion of the use of solar and fuel cell technology, and significant growth in the biofuel energy production industry.

Moreover, the bill funds numerous renewable energy provisions that were originally authorized in the Energy Policy Act and have yet to receive significant funding. These federal investments are needed to ensure breakthroughs in biotechnology, new feedstocks, harvesting, storage, transportation, and processing to produce a sustainable transportation fuel at a price competitive with fuel from the mature petroleum industry. Furthermore, enhancing federal consumer tax credits are necessary to ensure that every home owner or small

business has the opportunity to participate in our energy freedom by installing alternative energy systems that are economically viable and environmentally sensitive.

Indeed, the proposals put forth in H.R. 5890 will have numerous benefits. First, it will assist in meeting Renewable Portfolio Standards which have been set by many states. Second, it will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Third, it will incubate technology rather than subsidize an industry. Finally, it will bridge the gap to homegrown energy and reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

Certainly, there is no quick fix to the problem, but it is clear that Americans cannot continue to afford increased energy prices. The U.S is in the midst of the Global War on Terrorism in which the certified state sponsors of

terrorism are the same radicals relied upon for its petroleum needs.

Congressman Nunes added, "We simply cannot continue to send American money to fund fanatical regimes that are determined to destroy our way of life. It is time for energy freedom, it is time for energy security, and it is time for action on an American-Made solution."

As Congress returns to Washington next year, serious debate needs to occur quickly to deal with the nation's energy crisis and the American-Made Energy Freedom Act is the perfect starting point for such discussions.

Learn more about what Rep. Devin Nunes is doing by visiting his website at www.nunes.house.gov